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Re: Withdrawal of Ozone Attainment Demonstration

Dear Mr. Conroy:

I hereby withdraw the Attainment Demonstration (Section 5) that was included in the “Rhode Island Attainment Plan for the 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) submitted to EPA on April 30, 2008 to address attainment of the 1997 ozone NAAQS in Rhode Island.

On October 21, 2010 (75 FR 64949), EPA issued a final determination that the Providence (all of Rhode Island) moderate ozone nonattainment area had attained the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. This “clean data determination” means that the requirement for an attainment demonstration for this area is suspended so long as the area continues to attain the 1997 ozone NAAQS, which it has continued to do. Rather than devote EPA and DEM resources to final review and action on the attainment demonstration, DEM believes that withdrawing the attainment demonstration is preferable since it is no longer required.

DEM notes that, on August 22, 2012 (77 FR 50595), EPA approved several components of Rhode Island’s April 30, 2008 SIP submittal, including the Rhode Island 2002 base year inventory, reasonable further progress (RFP) plan, and the 2008 motor vehicle transportation budget and contingency measures associated with the RFP plan. In addition, on March 13, 2012 (77 FR 14691), EPA approved the Reasonably Available Control Technology Demonstration (Section 6) of the April 30, 2008 SIP submittal. Therefore, with the withdrawal of the Section 5 Attainment Demonstration, the entire submittal has been addressed.

If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Barbara Morin at 401-222-2808, x-7012.

Sincerely,

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